



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20231

In re application of:)
JAMES CAHILL) Examiner: James R. Brittain
Serial No: 09/832,396) Art Unit: 3677
Filed: April 10, 2001)
For: PACKAGING CONNECTOR)

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181

Box DAC
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-2450

Dear Sir:

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Applicant hereby invokes the Supervisory Authority of the Director to grant the present Petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-captioned application.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

JOHN D. BUCHACA (hereinafter "Buchaca"), Registration No. 37,289 is an attorney of record in the above-captioned application (hereinafter the "Application").

An Office Action for the present application was mailed in November 18, 2002 (Paper No. 12, Exhibit A). A response to that action was timely mailed on February 18, 1003 and included a properly executed Certificate of Mailing as shown in Exhibit B.

The postage return card for this response properly identifying the application is date-stamped by the Office showing February 24, 2003 as shown in Exhibit C.

The Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary (Paper No. 13) was mailed June 18, 2003 (see Exhibit D). No formal Notice of Abandonment has yet been received (see Declaration of John D. Buchaca). Therefore, the present Petition is timely filed.

REMARKS

The above-identified facts indicate that the February 18, 2003 Response was timely filed and recorded by the Office.

Applicant submits that the Response became missing subsequent to being received by the Office. Therefore, any subsequent holding of Abandonment should be withdrawn and the application remanded to the Examiner for further prosecution.

In light of the above, early granting of this Petition is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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